About Plays and Players By BIDE DUDLEY

CELWYN & CO. announce that their first new production to come to New York next season will be Avery Hopwood's farce, "Double Exposure." It will begin an engagement at a Broadway theatre next month. The new Selwyn Theatre, in West 42d Street, will be opened early in September with Jane Cowl in "Information, Please." Rot Cooper Megrue's comedy, "Tea For Three," Megrue's comedy. "Yea For Three, will be brought to New York in September, also, and a little later "The Crowded Hour," by Edgar Selwyn and Channing Follock, will be produced. "Rock-A-Bye Baby" and "Why Marry?" will be sent on tour. The Selwyns will move their offices from the Commercial Trust Building to quarters in the new Selwyn Theatre Building early in the fall.

"PASSING SHOW" JULY 23. The Passing Show of 1918" will begin an engagement at the Winter Garden on Tuesday, July 22. It will be seen in Atlantic City the preceding

ROYSTER DROPS IN. W. Nat Royster, manager of the La Salle Theatre, Chicago, for Ellicit, Comstock & Gest, is in New York Mr. Royster came here to pilot the musical play. "Oh, Look," to Chicago, where it will be offered at his theatre. Charles Hertzman will be company manager. Mr. Royster recently obtained for Ellicit, Comstock & Gest, the contract to furnish a show for the Chicago Policemen's Benefit this fall. This contract is always eagerly sought after by managers. The La Salle went through last season with but two attractions, a record unequalied by any other Chicago theatre.

Claude Greneker of the Shubert forces and Mrs. Greneker are spending the summer at Lake Waccabuc, near Katonah, N. Y. The other day they went to a farmer to rent a horse by the month. He showed them one which was shod only in front.

"That berse won't do," said Mr. Greneker. "He hasn't any shoes on his hind feet. He wouldn't go well."

"You can't shoe him behind," said the farmer.

It made Mrs. Greneker mad. "Look here!" she said. "Til not have my husband walking behind a horse and shooing him to make him go."

And that settled it.

SHE WOULDN'T LET HIM.

NOW, LISTEN TO THIS! NOW, LISTEN TO THIS!

The annual field day benefit of the "Hitchy Koo" company, which will be held at Luna Park to-morrow, will be under the auspices of the Stage Women's War Relief. Raymond Hitchcock will be chauffeur on an elephant and will take passengers for a spin about the park at 6 kopecks a spin about the park at 6 kopecks a spin. He promises not to speed. Leon Errol will auction anything he can get his hands on, and Irene Bordoni will be Queen of the Ballroom, where she will sing. The chorus girls will dance with all comers at a dollar a turn. They'll all cost the same—the beauties as well as the sensible ones.

BY WAY OF DIVERSION.

Jim Johnson, my neighbor, has never known sight. From birth he has lived in continual night. The beauties of Nature are heamay to him. The glow of the sunset's a stranger to Jim. He walks with a cane, which he taps on the ground. In life, it would seem, little joy he has found, but when disappointment and woe fill my cup, I go to Jim Johnson and Jim cheers me speciniment and woe fill my cup, I go to Jim Johnson and Jim cheers me up. Jim hums a crude tune and his face wears a smile. He toils me all trouble will leave after a while if I will oppose it with good, common sense—that nothing will matter a hundred years hence. "It's great to be living and well," Jim will say. "I thank the Creator for life every day. This thing we call trouble is just a balloon." And then he moves off with his smile and his tune. Jim Johnson, my neighbor, I call a great han. How has it would be if we all used his plan! Twould make this old life very much worth the while if we could just barrow Jim's tune and his smile. Whenever you're worried and willing to quit, and life seems to be just a bottomiess pit, remember Jim Johnson, the fellow who's blind, and then take a brace and you'll have peace of mind. take a brace and you'll have peace of

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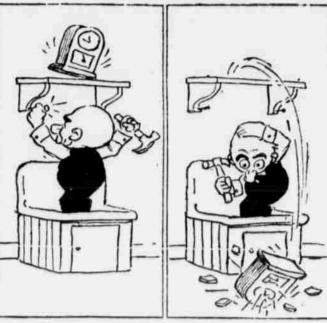
GRINDSTONE GEORGE

In His Hurry He Dropped a Lot of Time!











at the Lexington, a report has started that Manager Grundy intends to "high brow" the neighborhood. "He positively ain't," writes Rose Shuisinger.

singer. WHAT MIKE DID.

Mike Moodnick visited an auction house recently. After looking the place over, he bid the auctioneer good-night. — "Rambler" in Greenpoint

Home News. A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Jeb Minter of Wellsville says his son Tom. who is in the army, is soon going cailing on the Kaiser. FOOLISHMENT.

There was a young woman named Hose.
Who had a big brims on her pose.
Said she 'tire a' right.
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"Are they knit?"
"No, crow shade."

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